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MONDAY MOJO EDITION

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025 ONE DOLLAR

Mojo Comes Alive with Brand-New Adventures

Tangi Times Report

The Tangi Times is pleased to introduce our new Monday Mojo edition, with an expansive array of new features and writers. This third sibling in the Tangi Times publication family will bring you back to your younger days in many ways with light-hearted humor and a sense of experience. These are three of our new columns that you will find inside this debut issue and every week in the Monday Mojo edition.

Cranky, cantankerous, and often curmudgeonly, Burl "Two-Toes" Jenkins might seem like a crusty old grump, but we believe that he's just a big ol' softy deep down inside. He has an engrained affinity for nostalgia and an undying fondness for the good old days. Somebody like that can't be all that bad, right?

You surely know Kasia Perkowska as the Feature Columnist in the Tangi Times mid-week edition. Anyone who knows her well knows that her greatest love is wildlife, and her new column will clarify uncertainties and dispel myths that often encircle the animals that share our beautiful region in South Louisiana.

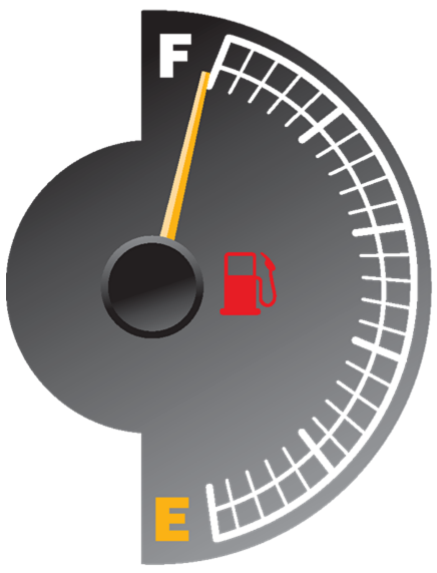
Kevin Hood and his family run Louisiana Snake ID, an educational organization that sheds the light of reality on one of Planet Earth's most feared and misunderstood denizens – snakes. Slithery Things will reveal the truth about South Louisiana snakes and teach everyone how important these beautiful creatures are to our precious ecosystem.

Gas Up and GOOOOO

By STEFANIE BROOKE • Tangi Times Community Journalist

Sometimes you don't need a plane ticket or a suitcase the size of a small canoe – just a tank of gas, a playlist full of bops, and a cooler full of snacks. If you're itching for a quick getaway, you're in the perfect spot to hit the road and explore somewhere new without driving all day (or night). We've rounded up three fabulous road trip destinations – all within three hours – that are practically begging for your weekend attention.

First stop: Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Only about an hour and a half from Hammond, this artsy beach town is like if New Orleans and a sleepy coastal village had a very charming baby. Think cute little galleries, antique shops full of hidden treasures, and beachy breezes that make you forget your troubles (and



your email password).

The biggest draw here? The laid-back waterfront vibes – perfect for strolling, sipping, and pretending you're in a movie about a writer who finds herself again.

Next up: Lafayette, Louisiana. Around two hours away, Lafayette is where food and music fall madly in love and throw a party every weekend. Whether you're two-stepping at a zydeco brunch or stuffing your face with boudin, this place brings the flavor.

The big draw here is the Cajun culture – bold, spicy, and welcoming as a warm bowl of gumbo. Don't miss Vermilionville, a living history village where you can watch blacksmiths at work and maybe even catch a fiddle tune or two.

Finally, for those craving a little nature with a dash of magic, head to Avery Island, just under three hours away and home of the world-famous Tabasco factory. Yes, it's where the sauce is born – but it's also where you'll find Jungle Gardens, a dreamy wildlife sanctuary complete with Spanish moss, bamboo groves, and the elusive snowy egret.

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Sunday, June 8, was National Best Friends Day

Cheers to all the best friends out there!

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City of Ponchatoula

Ponchatoula City Council June Meeting

Monday, June 9 Agenda

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Ponchatoula will be held as follows:

Date: June 9, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: City Hall Council Chambers, 125. W. Hickory St., Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Agenda

1. Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call/ Public Input*
3. Acceptance of Minutes from May Regular Meeting
4. Activity Reports – Building, Fire, and Police
5. Monthly Financials
6. Public Hearing(s) and Adoption of Ordinance(s) –

A. AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE COPRORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PONCHATOULA FOR THE YEAR 2025

B. AMENDMENT #1 TO ORDINANCE No. 818 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

C. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

D. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A 25 YEAR FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PONCHATOULA AND ENTERGY LOUISIANA LLC

E. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 806 Setting the Salaries for Elected Officials

F. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 800 Setting the Salaries for Appointed Officials

7. Approval of Alcohol Permit(s)

A. Chiefs Pub on Pine LLC -165 W. Pine St. - Stuart Murphy and Dennis Pevey

8. Selection of the Official Journal FYE 2025-2026
9. Appointment of Civil Service Board Member from College List (2)
10. Officials Right of Personal Privilege (VS)
11. Adjournment

Back in my day, we didn't need no "smartphones" to have fun. We had a stick, a ditch, and an imagination. And if you were real lucky, your cousin had a busted-up inner tube you could ride down the bayou – until the gators started looking curious. That's how we learned to swim real fast.

Nowadays kids get upset if their latte's the wrong temperature. Back in my day, our coffee came straight out the percolator – so strong it could stand up and fight you – and if Maw Maw caught you talking during her stories on the radio, she'd swat you with a flyswatter faster than you could say, "Pass the boudin."

And let me tell you about air conditioning. Ha! We didn't have no central air. We had a box fan in the window and a wet washrag on our neck. If it got real hot, you'd just go sit in the walk-in cooler at T-Boy's store till he ran you out for foggin' up the beer glass.

Dating wasn't swiping left and right. Back then, if you liked somebody, you showed up at the fais do-do in your cleanest jeans and prayed to the Lord your dance partner wasn't your second cousin. That was the original "matchmaking."

And school? School wasn't canceled every time the weather acted up. I walked through three feet of water one time to take a spelling test. The teacher handed out ponchos and shrimp boots like it was Mardi Gras beads. And if a nutria ran through the classroom – well, that was just part of the day's learning.

Now everybody's got a GPS. We had Maw Maw shouting directions from the back seat and a glovebox full of maps that hadn't been updated since the Eisenhower administration. If you got lost, you just pulled over and asked someone grilling outside their trailer, and ten minutes later you had directions, a plate of jambalaya, and a new uncle.

So remember, when you think times are tough – at least you don't have to fish your cousin out the bayou with a cane pole 'cause he thought he could walk on the duckweed.

See y'all next week, if the mosquitos don't carry me off.

Safety Tip of the Day

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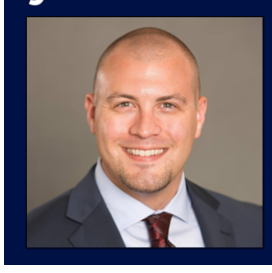

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PALINDROME du jour

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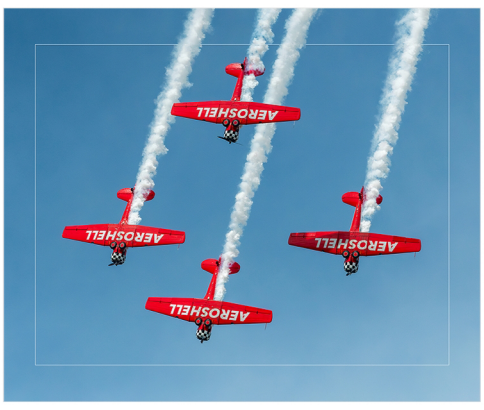

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TANGI GUMBO

A little bit of everything you need to know

Tangipahoa Parish Government, along with our community and regional partners, spent much of the day Wednesday fine-tuning our emergency response plans for the 2025 Hurricane season. The National Weather Service presented the latest forecast information and offered an update on the tools their office will be sharing with us through storm season. #TeamTangi also heard powerful messages from our own Parish President, Robby Miller, Tangipahoa's OHSEP Director, Dawson Primes, Brigadier General (Ret.) Rodney Painting, and Brigadier General Jason Mahfouz, Louisiana's interim director of GOHSEP, who praised Tangipahoa's efforts to keep our people safe. Painting described Tangipahoa's efforts as a "model," not only across the state but throughout the nation. Parish President Robby Miller thanked the more than 200 participants who gathered for the kick-off meeting, reminding us that we are truly stronger together and that our efforts to keep our residents safe are just one more reason why Tangipahoa is the #BestParishInTheState.

Officials from Southeastern Louisiana University and the Young Entrepreneurs Academy recently met with student Libny Hernandez of Hammond High Magnet School, this year's second-place winner of the 17th Annual National Competition in New York. YEA is an innovative after-school program that enables seventh through 12th-grade students to generate business ideas, conduct market research, write business plans, pitch to a panel of investors, and launch their own companies. Southeastern is the host of YEA! Northshore through its Small Business Development Center. The students selected to compete had participated in a local nine-month program, where participants attended classes and worked with mentors and investors to develop and pitch their business ideas. Hernandez was the winner of the 2024-2025 YEA! Northshore class and qualified to compete on a national level. As the second-place winner, she was awarded two scholarships and a cash prize. She worked 23 weeks, during which she developed her commercial dumpster cleaning business, Fresh Dump. The whole competition can be viewed on the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) YouTube channel.

Acting U.S. Attorney Michael M. Simpson announced that Tracie L. Mixon, 43, of Hammond, Louisiana, was sentenced on May 27, 2025, to two years in federal prison for making false statements to fraudulently obtain a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan under the CARES Act. Mixon falsely claimed on a February 2021 SBA loan application that she had no prior convictions for federal financial fraud, despite having previously pleaded guilty in Virginia for student loan and mail fraud involving stolen identities. U.S. District Judge Susie Morgan also ordered Mixon to pay $31,000 in restitution and serve three years of supervised release.

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office is warning residents of a recent surge in phone scams, with callers impersonating TPSO officers and demanding payment for supposed warrants, civil fines, or missed jury duty penalties. Officials stress that these calls are fraudulent—TPSO does not collect payments over the phone or call residents to resolve warrants. Anyone receiving such a call is urged to hang up immediately and verify the legitimacy by calling the Sheriff's Office directly at 985-748-3334 or 985-748-3328. Residents are also reminded to avoid opening suspicious email attachments and never to share personal information with unfamiliar sources. Authorities are encouraging the public to stay alert and help spread the warning to prevent further victimization.

Miss Southeastern, Tangi's own Eva Delatte, has advanced to the Top Five in the People's Choice category for Miss Louisiana 2025. The winner of People's Choice will receive an automatic placement in the Top 11 at the 2025
Miss Louisiana Competition. The voting closes on Friday, June 21, at 9:00pm. Each dollar donated equals one vote. Cast your vote for Eva today at www.spotfund.com/teams/misslapeopleschoice2025.

District Attorney Collin Sims announced that a St. Tammany Parish grand jury has indicted three Slidell teens—Adrian Waughtal, Mason Fischer, and Michael Lanier—in connection with the March 23, 2025, death of Sergeant Grant Candies of the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, who was killed while deploying a spike strip during a high-speed chase. Waughtal and Fischer, both seventeen, were indicted for second-degree murder and multiple related charges, while eighteen-year-old Lanier

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FUN FACT

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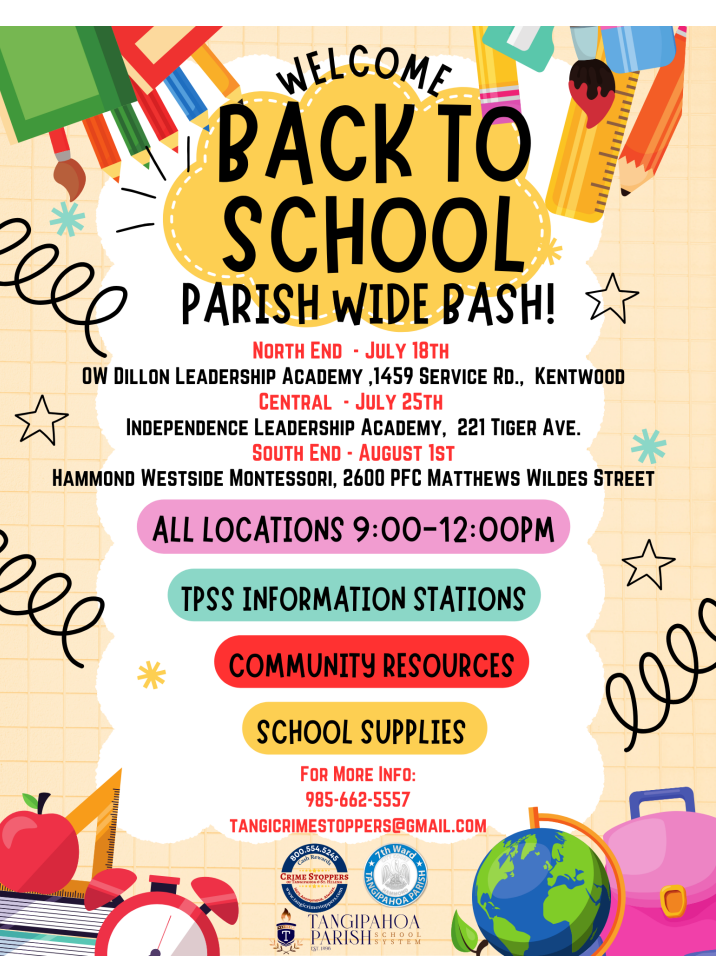

SLITHERY THINGS

So misunderstood!

By Kevin Hood
Louisiana Snake ID

Louisiana Snake ID: A Family Affair

Growing up in South Louisiana, I was blessed to have parents who brought me outdoors all the time. From finding snakes in the flowerbed to hunting and fishing with my dad, I was raised to respect nature and to only kill what I planned to eat. That respect for nature, combined with my mom's fearlessness of snakes, helped nurture a healthy fascination with all things wild, especially those that slithered.

I spent most of my free time as a teenager in the neighborhood ditches catching water snakes, kingsnakes, and any other nonvenomous snakes I could find. My friends were never as fond of them as I was, so I never really had anyone to share that passion with.

Many years later, I began catching snakes with our two sons, Kyler and Landon, and we finally convinced my wife, Rachel, to let us get Kyler his first pet snake. Kyler's corn snake, Chris, is now thirteen years old and attends snake shows with our family as we travel across the state. We've even started a non-profit organization, the Snake Life Foundation, to help our conservation and education efforts on a larger scale.

You may be wondering how this childhood passion turned into a family's full-time job, so let me share our story. Ten years ago, we decided to move our young boys out of a neighborhood and onto a Louisiana swamp so they could grow up enjoying nature. I frequently posted pictures of myself and the boys holding various species of snakes we caught in our backyard on Facebook, so people quickly considered me the "snake guy."

My phone would blow up with picture messages of snakes, asking what kind it is. But because snakes don't usually get the benefit of the doubt that other animals get, most of the snakes in the pictures I received had already been killed.

Seeing these pictures really upset my sons. They would often tell me, "Just tell them it's a dead snake, since it doesn't matter anymore!"

So, in 2017, we decided to start a Facebook page dedicated to snake education and identification, and Louisiana Snake ID was born. What started as a way to capture pictures of live snakes has grown into a following of over 55,000 people across our social media platforms.

Recently, we had snake shows in Toledo Bend, St. Martinville, and Bogue Chitto State Park, and our June and July are packed with library and daycare shows across the state. Our family is passionate about snakes, and we love educating people about them because truthful information helps people overcome their fears.

Our library shows in Tangipahoa will be on Saturdays this summer, and we're super excited to be the featured show each day. We hope to see you there, but in the meantime, please be sure to follow our Facebook page, Louisiana Snake ID, where we constantly share identification tips and are always ready to help identify and relocate snakes.

I'm incredibly grateful to have the opportunity to talk snakes with you in the Tangi Times. Be sure to read our regular column in the Monday Mojo edition, as we will regularly teach some truthful snake information.

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Almost any item of value can serve as an auction item.

Businesses can donate gift cards, merchandise, memberships, classes, art, experiences, and a variety of other tangible and intangible products and services.

To buy a raffle ticket, donate, or if you can help in any way, please contact Mike's daughter, Brittanni Stewart, at 985-318-9505; James Sparacello with Delta Seven at 504-915-6764; or email publisher@tangitimes.com.

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Just Because School's Out Doesn't Mean Parents Are

From Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa

Summer break is an exciting time for students, but for parents, it can come with a new set of challenges – especially when it comes to keeping kids engaged and out of trouble. While a little boredom can inspire creativity, too much of it can lead to mischief. That's why Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa is offering a few simple, safe, and productive ideas to help keep kids busy and out of harm's way this summer.

For the young entrepreneurs, summer is a perfect time to hustle! Grab a bucket and some soap for a neighborhood car wash. Consider offering lawn care, small painting projects, or even pressure washing services. Many parents are in need of babysitters – this could be a great opportunity for responsible teens to earn extra money while helping others.

When the temperature rises, a classic lemonade stand is always a hit. It's a fun and refreshing way to beat the heat while learning a bit about business.

If your teens are old enough to drive, suggest running errands for elderly neighbors or others who may need assistance. Volunteering is also a wonderful option – local food banks, libraries, and animal shelters are often in need of extra hands during the summer months.

For something a little different, start a neighborhood garden and invite local kids to join in. It's a great way to learn responsibility, teamwork, and sustainability. And don't forget to explore community resources like public pools and Vacation Bible Schools – many churches host them throughout the summer and welcome participants with open arms.

Finally, don't overlook the value of helping out at home. Whether it's organizing the garage, helping prepare meals, or watching younger siblings, there's always something useful to do around the house.

These are just a few ideas to help students stay active, responsible, and out of trouble over the summer break. Here's to a safe, productive, and fun-filled summer!

—Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa

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Horoscopes

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2nd week of June

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
This is a terrific time to get a grasp on your inner emotions and thoughts, Aries. You may feel extra sensitive and loving towards others, especially your partner.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you may come across some rough spots that need to be ironed out this week. It may not be easy, but if anyone can handle it, that would be you. Make some firm choices.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
It's easier to express how you feel to someone important in your life by doing so in person, Gemini. Set up a meeting where you can get things off of your chest.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, there may be a day this week where you feel like you're all ready to go somewhere but you have no invitation. Make your own plans and get something started.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Elements of your life seem to be falling into place, Leo. This is happy news for you. Enjoy this well-earned change.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
It could be one of those weeks when your head is in the clouds and you can't focus, Virgo. Make an effort to organize your thoughts and take the week one task at a time.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you are receptive to different creative or recreational outlets this week. Think about a trip to a museum or even a botanical garden. You can use a respite from the grind, anyway.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Some health issues have you feeling less like yourself, Scorpio. You're eager to get to the bottom of things. Make your well-being a priority and don't worry about anything else until then.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
No one really knows what they will get with you this week, Sagittarius. Your mood is in flux. Focus your attention and try to avoid getting too up or too down.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
It may be difficult for you to connect with others this week, Capricorn. Your mind is running in a million different directions and this can make it challenging for you to make plans.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, the clouds are parting and the sun is about to come bounding through. Bask in this shift and make plans to get up and go.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, be mindful that you may not have the commitment to finish any project you start this week. But give it your best shot.

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TVFC Appreciation Luncheon

By Pam Villagran, TVFC Reporter

(Courtesy Photos)

Sue Nelson, Gloria Messenger

Jaxon Forrest, Jean Hebert

Anita Murray, Gloria Messenger

On May 20, Tangipahoa Volunteers for Family and Community (TVFC) held their annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. This year, the event was at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Hammond.

Karen Moran served as chairwoman for the event, and those on her planning committee were TVFC Vice President Marie Heck, TVFC Reporter Pam Villagran, Anita Murray, and Lucie Hanewinkel. There were several honored guests at the event, including LSU 4-H agents, Angela Myles, and Cassie Faunce, as well as LSU Ag Center Administrative Coordinator Melissa Ordoyne.

Pastor Louis Boldt of St. Paul's Lutheran Church was also in attendance to give the opening and closing prayer for the event.

Kicking off the event presentations, TVFC's Scholarship Chair Jean Hebert recognized the club's 2025 scholarship award recipient Jaxon Forrest, who is a graduating senior at University View Academy in Kentwood, LA. The scholarship funds will be earmarked to go towards Jaxon's college expenses this fall when he attends LSU School of Veterinary Medicine with a focus on large animal care.

Jaxon gave a brief speech thanking TVFC members and shared his future aspirations to become a veterinarian. His mother, Heather Forrest, and his brother, Maddox Forrest, were both on hand to show their support.

Jaxon has been a dedicated member of 4-H for the past 9 years, during which time, he has served as the Louisiana 4-H State Board President and Vice President. He is currently serving as a Southeast Regional Representative on the LA 4-H Executive Board. Jaxon also participates in shooting sports, is active in various community service projects, and leads a weekly young men's Bible study.

After Jaxon's speech, attendees and guests were treated to a delicious catered lunch. Following the meal, TVFC President Gloria Messenger presented numerous certificates to members in recognition of various achievements.

On behalf of Louisiana Volunteers for Family and Community (LVFC), Ms. Messenger presented a certificate to TVFC's Raise-A- Reader Project Chairwoman Anita Murray. The certificate was in recognition of an LVFC Mini Grant that was awarded to TVFC during the LVFC state convention last month, and its funds are earmarked to help support TVFC's R-A-R program for 2025.

Ms. Messenger also presented certificates to those members who had perfect attendance at club meetings in 2024, to those members who qualified for LVFC's Community Champions award for 2024, and to those members who have been in LVFC and TVFC for 5 years or increments of 5 years.

Finally, Ms. Messenger presented TVFC's Membership Chair Sue Nelson with the coveted LVFC Membership Plaque, which TVFC won at the state convention last month. LVFC awards the plaque each year to the LVFC Parish Club that gained the largest number of new members in the previous year.

Ms. Nelson will house the plaque on behalf of TVFC until next year. Then she will bring it to the 2026 convention to be awarded to that year's winning club.

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JVFC Bunco

By Pam Villagran, TVFC Reporter

(Courtesy Photo)

(Left to right): Donna Bouterie, Lisa Meche, Anita Murray, Jo Ann Francois, Melinda Sanchez, Bobbie Brigman, Susan Melancon, Jean Hebert, Suellen Buckley, Betty Bankston, Ginny Shartle, Sue Nelson, Marie Heck

On June 3, 2025, eleven members of Tangipahoa Volunteers for Family and Community (TVFC) along with two of their guests attended the Jefferson Parish Volunteers for Family and Community's (JVFC) annual Bunco fundraiser at the Piccadilly Restaurant in Metairie, LA. Everyone had a great time participating in the lively game while socializing with members of JVFC and other LVFC parish clubs across South Louisiana.

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TANGI GUMBO

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was indicted for manslaughter and other offenses. The case was presented by Assistant District Attorneys Ronnie Gracianette and Gary Tromblay, with detectives Sean Scott and Jacob Schwebel leading the investigation. Although Louisiana law allows the death penalty for killing a police officer, all three suspects were seventeen at the time of the incident, making them ineligible for capital punishment under the U.S. Supreme Court's 2005 ruling in Roper v. Simmons. The defendants are scheduled for arraignment on July 14, 2025.

The Hammond Northshore Regional Airshow is set to return bigger and better than ever on October 11–12, 2025, bringing high-flying excitement to the skies over Tangipahoa Parish. Held at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport, this thrilling event will feature breathtaking aerial performances, vintage aircraft displays, hands-on STEM activities, and fun for the whole family, making it a must-see celebration of aviation. For more details, visit www.hammondairshow.com.

Hammond Area Recreation District 1 is launching a FREE Zemurray Sports Summer Skills Series beginning June 17, offering local youth a fun and active way to build their athletic abilities over the summer. Held every Tuesday from 9:30am to 12:00pm at Zemurray Park, the series will alternate weekly between flag football and soccer, providing a dynamic and engaging experience for participants. Families are encouraged to learn more and register online at https://bit.ly/4k6GwGO.

Northlake Newcomers' chosen charity recipient for the year was Northshore Humane Society. Funds were generated from the sale of raffle tickets of items generously donated by various community businesses and individuals, as well as proceeds from our annual bingo event. Vicky Todd, chair of the Philanthropy Committee, presented a check for $3,000 to Maggie Stokes, community Outreach coordinator for the Northshore Humane Society. Next year's project will kick off at the Northlake Newcomers September membership coffee. For more information, visit northlakenewcomers.com or visit them on Facebook.

GAS UP

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The big draw? It's part Louisiana legend, part botanical paradise, and all kinds of spicy fun (literally).

Want to keep things simple and make it a day trip? Easy! Just plan to leave early (think coffee-before-the-sun kind of early), and aim to be back by dinner – or sunset, if you're squeezing out every drop of fun. You'll get a full experience without needing a hotel or an itinerary that involves Google Sheets.

Here's what to pack to make your one-day wanderings smooth and fun:

A cooler with cold drinks and a few snacks (because hangry and happy don't mix)

Sunscreen and bug spray (it's summer in the South, y'all)

Comfy walking shoes – flip-flops for the beach, sneakers for exploring

A towel or picnic blanket (for beach lounging or shady park naps)

A power bank for your phone (because photos and directions eat battery)

Some cash, just in case you find an old-school roadside attraction or a market stall with pralines and no card reader

And of course, a good attitude – because even the best day trips can include a detour, a sunburn, or a melted chocolate bar. It's all part of the adventure.

So whether you're chasing sunsets, hot sauce, or the perfect bite of boudin, you don't have to go far to find a little adventure. Just grab a map (or your GPS), toss in your favorite people, and go make a few memories. Bonus points if you bring back pralines.

Complimentary Veterans Breakfast
Saturday, June 14, 2025 @ 8:00am
First United Methodist Church of Ponchatoula
201 East Pine Street, Ponchatoula
All veterans are invited.
Veterans may bring a guest.
Questions: call Wanda Gilyard @ 504-460-9852

Our Wild, Wild World

By Kasia Perkowska

Pleased to meet you!

I think there is a saying that goes something like, "April showers bring May flowers", or something to that effect. Another thing April brings us is baby season for wildlife. This year it got an earlier start – an entire month ahead of schedule – late February/ beginning of March!

This being June, baby season in full swing now, with three, possibly four more months to go, those of us in wildlife rehab are barely halfway through the baby season, yet most places are already full, past capacity, or no longer accepting any intakes until they have room, or more volunteers.

I believe in educating the public in person, online, and through a series of fun articles focusing on the specifics of wildlife. The dos and don'ts when wildlife is found will be very beneficial to both the young and old alike. I am hopeful that this will result in the public being more aware and knowledgeable on what to do if they find themselves with a critter and aren't sure what to do.

Most people immediately turn to the internet and end up unintentionally harming or killing an innocent animal by following bad advice given by members of the public who have no training or experience. These are daily issues wildlife rehabbers are faced with.

Many people find an injured or orphaned mammal, or a fledgling bird hopping happily on the ground, still unable to fly, only able to get a few inches of lift before landing back on the ground, and they decide to take them home, believing these critters are in need of help when they're not. A lot of mammal babies can be successfully reunited with their mamas, and fledglings unable to fly just yet, but capable of running around and exploring, whose parents aren't deceased, don't typically need rescue.

A completely naked or slightly fuzzy baby bird with eyes still closed, or a baby bird with pin feathers coming in (the bird looks like a porcupine), found on the ground and unable to stand up or hop, is in immediate need of assistance and should not be left on the ground. Ants, birds, cats, the heat, and other dangers could kill this baby.

If it's not possible to return the baby to its nest or fashion a makeshift nest and place it as close to the original nest as possible to see if the parents find and start caring for their baby, the baby will then be in need of assistance and will need to go to a wildlife rehabber.

It's vital for any and all wildlife to be taken to a trained rehabber as soon as possible. Many people with good intentions try and have the experience of raising a wild critter on their own, without any training on how to correctly raise each species, what diet is necessary for proper growth. The effects of taming a wild animal or imprinting it and then setting it free can be deadly to a wild animal.

Keeping wildlife as pets is also never recommended, and we have seen various examples as to why this is such a bad idea.

In this new column, I will share many of my experiences with you, as well as the knowledge that I have gained on 21 years of rescuing and rehabbing wild animals. I look forward to our experience together, and I am always open to questions. You can reach me through our publisher's office at publisher@tangitimes.com.

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